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THREONINE USING BACTERIUM  
BELONGING TO THE GENUS  
ESCHERICHIA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please  
amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.